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Market Price of Tea
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the details of fluctuating/ declining trend of the market price of tea produced in the country during the last three years and the current year;
(b) the details of the schemes/ steps taken by the Government to ensure stability of price and minimum profit returns for tea growers of the country;
(c) whether the Government has received any proposal regarding Foreign Direct Investment for development of tea estates/ tea gardens in the country; and
(d) if so, the details thereof along with the action taken by the Government thereon and its likely impact on tea markets of the country?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (INDEPENDENT CHARGE)
(SMT. NIRMALA SITHARAMAN)

(a): Details of price of Tea during the last three years and the current year is given in the following Table:

Year	Average Price (Rs./kg)
2013-14	126.12
2014-15	125.59
2015-16	127.62
2016-17 (April to June)*	138.37

*Provisional

(b): The Price Stabilization Fund Scheme was implemented by the Central Government from the year 2003 to 2013 with a view to protect the farmers of plantation crops including tea from losses on account of price fluctuations with the support from the Price Stabilization Fund. The Scheme was reviewed and, in light of the experience gained from implementing the Scheme, a market-linked Revenue Insurance Scheme for Plantation Crops (RISPC) has been proposed for protecting the farmers of plantation crops, including tea plantations, against losses arising from both fluctuations in yield as well as prices.

(c)&(d): At present, 100 per cent FDI is allowed in tea plantations. It is likely to attract foreign investment and modern technology in this sector.
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